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1. On 25 September 1949, the Navy Officers School at Gdynia-Oksywie graduated its first group of post-war naval officers. The graduating group consisted of 31 officers who had completed a three-year training period beginning in the autumn of 1946. Since this date a new class has been enrolled each year.
2. The graduation exercise was government-arranged with much pomp, ceremony, and propaganda. The principal address was delivered by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Marshal Michal Zymierski, who in a long speech praised the Soviet Union and belittled and insulted the Western Powers in typical Communist fashion. Speeches were made by other government officials but which deserve no special mention. It was, however, noteworthy that neither the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Navy, Admiral Wlodzimierz Steyer, or the Commandant of the school spoke at the occasion.
3. The pre-graduation highlight in the course consisted of a visit of the Polish training ship Iskra to Leningrad about 25 August 1949. This was the first such trip in connection with the effort to promote the naval relationship between Poland and the Soviet Union.
4. The command and military instructor officers at the school have been identified as follows:
  - a. Commander Adam Rychel, School Commandant until mid-1948, then replaced by a civilian from Lodz, identity unknown. Rychel was a pre-war naval officer.
  - b. Military Instructors:
    - Lt. Commander Zbigniew Przybyaszewski
    - Lt. Commander and Engineer Adolf Zelenay
    - Lt. Commander Stanislaw Gieszkowski
    - Lt. Commander Bronislaw Bonczak
    - Major (Army) Marcin Pieszynski
    - Major (Army) Stanislaw Zochowski
  - c. An additional number of civilian instructors and politruks are assigned to the school.

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5. Dredging has already begun at the site of a new Polish submarine base to be constructed at two small former German fishing ports, namely Dziwnow (Dievenow) and Trzebiez (Ziegenort or Trzeb) between the small island of Wolin (north of Szczecin) and the mainland. The area is to be dredged to a depth of 10 to 12 meters, and other construction of installations is to begin soon. The location is considered good for small-scale submarine activity.
6. Concerning the patrol activity along the Polish coast, it is understood that it is shortly to become obligatory for Polish Coast Guard personnel to learn the Russian language sufficiently well to be able to conduct simple conversation. This requirement will first become effective in the areas of Gdansk, Gdynia, Puck, and Hel and affects principally the members of the WOP. This program of instruction is to be handled by the Polish-Russian Friendship Society (Towarzystwo Przyjazni Polsko-Radzieckiej) at Wrzeszcz (Danzig-Langfuhr), ulica Piramowicza Nr. 1. Recently this organization has been making every effort toward engaging Russian language instructors. It is assumed that this action is a forerunner of a more strict Russian control to be exercised over the WOP patrolling the Polish coastal area.

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